



NRC / Utah Agreement State Application: Progress and Current Status

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Introduction

- Progress Since June, 2003
- Current Status
- Lessons Learned



Progress

- 6/27/03 – NRC Comments on State Application
- 7/18/03 – DRC Revised Final Application
 - Radioactive Materials License
 - State Groundwater Discharge Permit



Progress – cont'd

- 8/27/03 – NRC Federal Register Notice
 - State GW Program is Protective
 - Request for Comments on Alternative Standards for Groundwater Protection



Progress – cont'd

- 10/24/03 NRC Federal Register Notice
 - NRC amends ADAMS system
 - Extends comment period to 11/24/03.

- 12/23/03 – State Letter to NRC
 - Discuss transition issues
 - Discuss staffing needs



Progress – cont'd

- 1/7/04 – Meeting with Rio Algom (SLC)
 - Discuss GW remediation needs
 - Discuss License transfer process
 - Follow-up conference call with NRC on 1/15/04.



Progress – cont'd

- 2/6/04 – NRC Assessment: State Application
 - Authority / Supporting Legislation
 - Environmental Assessments
 - Regulations
 - Organizational Relationships within State
 - Personnel / Functions to be Covered
 - Instrumentation



Progress – cont'd

- 2/12/04 – NRC Federal Register Notice
 - Organization and Personnel
 - Legislation and Regulations
 - Evaluation of License Applications
 - Inspections and Enforcement
 - Regulatory Administration
 - Cooperation with Other Agencies
 - **Utah Program meets NRC requirements**
 - Repeat FR Notices: 2/19, 2/25, and 3/4/04



Progress – cont'd

- 2/10-13/04 – Meetings with IUC (SLC)
 - Negotiate State GW Permit Content.
 - Negotiate Statement of Basis.
 - Determine information needs and schedule.



Progress – cont'd

- 3/15/04 - Comment Period Expired
 - 3 Comments Received
 - 1 Citizen,
 - U.S. FWS, and
 - IUC



Current Status

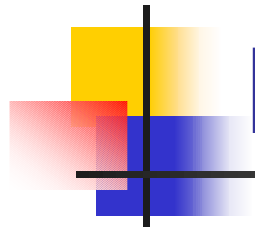
- State GW Permit for IUC
 - Permit prepared.
 - Statement of Basis in process.
 - Public comment period to begin soon.



Current Status – cont'd

- NRC Staff Paper
 - In preparation – Comments Resolved
 - Delivery to Commission – 6/1/04

- 2 Decisions Before Commission
 - Alternate GW Standards
 - Approve Agreement



Lessons Learned

- Process is lengthy and iterative